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                       December 20, 2018
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- MS. RUSSO: Shana Russo from Reed Smith --1
- 2 MS. ADAMS: Kate Adams --
- 3 THE REPORTER: One more time.
- 4 MS. RUSSO: Shana Russo --
- 5 MS. ADAMS: Kate Adams representing Cardinal
- 6 Health.
- 7 MS. RUSSO: Shana Russo with Reed Smith
- 8 representing AmerisourceBergen Corporation.
- 9 MR. McCORMICK: Sean McCormick for the Endo
- 10 and Par defendants.
- 11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Thank you. The court
- 12 reporter is Lisa Clark and will now swear in the
- 13 witness.
- 14 CHRISTOPHER BELLI,
- 15 the witness herein, being first duly sworn on oath, was
- examined and deposed as follows:
- 17 THE WITNESS: I do.
- 18 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 19 BY MR. PIFKO:
- 20 Q. Good morning, Mr. Belli.
- 21 A. Good morning.
- Q. My name is Mark Pifko. We just met a few 22
- 23 minutes ago for the first time off the record. I'm
- 24 going to be asking you some questions today. Let's
- 25 start by having you state and spell your name for the

- 1 taking any -- any substances that would impair your
- 2 memory or your ability to provide truthful and accurate
- 3 testimony today?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- THE WITNESS: No. 5
- 6 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Is there any reason you can think of that this
- deposition should not go forward?
- A. No.
- 10 Q. Okay. So you've been doing fine so far. When
- 11 I ask a question, we need an audible response instead
- 12 of nodding your head or shrugging your shoulders. Do
- you understand that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. And we can't have you say uh-huh or
- 16 uh-uh because when you see it in writing, it looks
- 17 the -- basically a yes and a no kind of look the same.
- 18 So try to give a verbal yes or no rather than saying
- uh-huh or uh-uh. Okay?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. I'm going to be asking you about some events
- 22 in the past. I don't want you to guess, but I am
- entitled to your best recollection of the events.
- 24 Okav?
- A. Yes.

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- 1 record.
- A. Christopher, C-h-r-i-s-t-o-p-h-e-r, Belli,
- Q. Okay. And have you ever had your deposition
- 5 taken before?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. So I assume in preparing with your counsel,
- 8 they went over some of the basic parameters, but we're
- 9 going to go over a couple of the rules of the road just
- 10 so that we're all on the same page here. Okay?
- 11 A. Okay.
- 12 Q. First and foremost, you were just administered
- 13 the oath. Do you understand that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. And so that means that if you are
- 16 dishonest or you lie or are misleading intentionally,
- that you could be subject to penalties from the court.
- 18 Do you understand that?
- 19 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 21 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Is there any reason why you're unable to tell 22
- 23 the truth today?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. Are you undergoing any medical treatment or

- Q. And then if I ask a question that you don't
- 2 understand, please let me know and I'll rephrase it.
- 3 Understood?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. If you answer the question, I'm going to
- 6 assume that you understand it. Okay?
  - A. Yes.
- 8 MS. McENROE: Can we take a quick break for
- 9 one second?
- 10 MR. PIFKO: Sure.
- 11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record, 9:39 a.m.
- 12 (Brief recess was taken.)
  - THE VIDEOGRAPHER: On the record, 9:39 a.m.
- 14 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. All right. So we just went over the basics of
- 16 a deposition. So you used to work for Rite-Aid,
- 17 correct?

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- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. And you understand that we're here today in
- 20 connection with a lawsuit that asserts claims against
- 21 various companies, including Rite-Aid. Do you
- 22 understand that?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. When -- what years did you work for Rite-Aid?
- 25 A. 2007 to 2013.

- <sup>1</sup> Q. Did you have the same position while you
- <sup>2</sup> worked at Rite-Aid?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Okay. What was the first position you held?
- 5 A. The first position was an operations manager
- 6 in Atlanta, Georgia.
- <sup>7</sup> Q. What was the time period you held that?
- 8 A. 2007 to 2009.
- <sup>9</sup> Q. And then you moved to another position?
- A. I moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, as a
- <sup>11</sup> senior operations manager.
- Q. What was the time period for that job?
- 13 A. 2009 to 2011.
- Q. And then what was your next position?
- A. Senior manager of transportation.
- Q. Where was that located?
- A. Rite-Aid headquarters.
- <sup>18</sup> Q. In Camp Hill?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. What was the time period for that?
- <sup>21</sup> A. 2011 to 2012.
- Q. And what was your next position?
- A. Senior director of regulatory compliance and
- <sup>24</sup> pharmacy returns.
- Q. That was also in Camp Hill?

- 1 A. No.
- Q. Have you gone to any school since then?
- 3 A. No.
- Q. What's your current position? Do you work for
- 5 somebody else right now?
- A. Yes, for team Novo Nordisk. It's a
- <sup>7</sup> professional sports team. I'm the VP of compliance,
- 8 HR, and finance.
- Q. Did you start that job right after you left
- 10 Rite-Aid?
- 11 A. Yes.
- Q. You've had the same position there since you
- 13 left Rite-Aid to now?
- 14 A. I started in just compliance, and then over
- 15 the past few years I've taken on new roles.
- Q. Okay. When you were operations manager in
- 17 Atlanta, did you have any responsibilities that
- 18 concerned controlled substances?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. How about when you were a senior operations
- 21 manager in Charlotte?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. How about manager of transportation in
- 24 Camp Hill?
- 25 A. No.

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- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. And that was from 2012 to when?
- 3 A. 2013.
- 4 Q. And then in 2013, you left the company?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Do you remember approximately what month that
- 7 was?
- 8 A. October.
- 9 Q. For that position, the regulatory compliance
- 10 position, do you remember approximately the month you
- 11 started?
- 12 A. I don't.
- Q. Do you know if it was in the beginning of the
- 14 year or end of the year? Do you have any sense?
- 15 A. I don't remember.
- Q. Okay. What's your highest level of education?
- 17 A. I have a Bachelor's Degree from University of
- 18 Tennessee.
- 19 Q. What year did you get that?
- A. I graduated in 2002.
- 21 Q. Did you go straight through four years, like a
- 22 standard four-year university?
- A. Actually, three and a half years.
- Q. Okay. Did you attend any graduate courses
- 25 after that?

- Page 13 Q. So I assume you had some responsibilities when
- 2 you were regulatory compliance senior director --
- 3 A. Yes
- 4 Q. -- with -- concerning controlled substances.
- 5 "Yes"?
- 6 A. Yes.
- <sup>7</sup> Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the scheduling of
- 8 controlled substances?
- 9 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 11 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Like Schedule 1, 2, through 5, you understand
- 13 that?

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- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Do you know what the difference is,
- 16 roughly, between the different schedules?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 19 BY MR. PIFKO:
- 20 Q. Okay. What's your understanding of what the
- 21 difference is?
- A. The C2 through C5, the addictive level of each
- 23 drug. Like 2 being opioids and 3, slowly going down to
- 24 5.

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Q. The risk of addiction is higher the lower the

- 1 schedule number; is that correct?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form. 2
- 3 THE WITNESS: No. C5 would be less risk for
- 4 addiction.
- 5 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Right. So as you go lower in scheduling --6
- 7
- 8 Q. -- the higher the risk; is that correct?
- 9 MS. McENROE: Objection to form. You may
- 10 answer.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yeah. C5 would be less
- 12 addiction than C2.
- 13 BY MR. PIFKO:
- 14 Q. Okay. As part of your job as senior director
- 15 of regulatory compliance, did you undertake to become
- familiar with the Controlled Substances Act?
- 17 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 19 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. What -- did you take any courses? 20
- A. I -- I worked with our government affairs 21
- 22 department and attended some conferences. Mainly the
- government affairs.
- Q. Did they have a formal training seminar they
- 25 provided to you?

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- Q. Have you seen his deposition transcript?
- A. No.
- Q. When you -- so when you became senior director
- 4 of regulatory compliance, you were provided with
- 5 various policies and procedures of the company; is that
- A. Yes, I was provided, but I was also familiar
- with a lot of them from working in distribution
- 10 Q. Okay. When did you first become familiar with
- these policies and procedures while working at
- distribution centers?
- 13 A. In probably 2009ish we started an audit team,
- an internal audit team, and I was on the audit team,
- and we used to audit internally the distribution
- centers, and we audited all their policies and
- procedures.
- 18 So that's when I first saw a lot of the
- policies and procedures outside of the obvious ones
- that I already knew from the operations I was involved
- 21 in.
- 22 Q. Did your auditing include any issues
- 23 concerning controlled substances?
- 24 A. We audited controlled substances.
- 25 Q. How -- in what way did you audit controlled

- A. No. We had a lot of policies and procedures
- 2 already in place, so it was a matter of reviewing those
- 3 and working -- any questions I may have had working
- 4 with government affairs.
- Q. Is there a particular individual you remember
- 6 working with in government affairs to do your training?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. What was the name of that person?
- 9 A. Janet Hart.
- 10 Q. Anyone else?
- 11 A. Sophia Lai.
- 12 Q. Anyone else?
- 13 A. No.
- Q. What -- do you have an understanding about
- 15 what Janet's position was at that time, her official
- 16 title?
- 17 A. I don't recall her official title.
- 18 Q. How about Sophia?
- 19 A. I don't recall her official title either.
- 20 Q. Who -- who was your boss when you were senior
- 21 director of regulatory compliance?
- 22 A. Rick Chapman.
- 23 Q. Are you aware that he was deposed earlier this
- 24 week?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 substances?
- A. To make sure the DCs were following the
- policies and procedures put in place.
- Q. So do you believe that you have an accurate
- 5 understanding of what Rite-Aid's policies and
- procedures were with respect to handling and
- distributing controlled substances?
- 8 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I did at the time. I can't say
- 10 I probably remember all of them exactly right now,
- 11 but I do remember some.
- 12 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. So from time to time during the course of this
- deposition I'm going to be handing you documents.
- 15 A. Okay.
- 16 Q. They're going to have a little sticker on it
- with a number; and then I'm sure that, in preparing for
- the deposition, Rite-Aid's counsel went over this, but
- there's little numbers on the bottom. They're called
- Bates numbers, and each page in the case has a unique
- number, and I'll be referring to the pages that way.
- 22 A. Okay.
- 23 (Rite-Aid Belli Exhibit No. 1 was marked for
- 24 identification.)
- 25 BY MR. PIFKO:

- Q. So I'm handing you what's marked as Exhibit 1.
- 2 You can take your time to look at the exhibit as long
- 3 as you feel that you need. I'm going to tell you I
- 4 only have a question about one of the pages, even
- 5 though this is a lengthy document.
- 6 Let the record reflect that the witness is
- 7 reviewing Exhibit 1. For the record, Exhibit 1 is a
- 8 document headed Rite Aid of Maryland, Inc., DBA
- 9 Rite Aid Mid-Atlanta Customer Support Center (DC No.
- 10 10) Standard Operating Procedures Index. It's Bates
- 11 labeled Rite\_Aid\_OMDL\_0015454 through 15506.
- Have you seen this document before?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. When was the last time you believe you saw it?
- 15 A. I don't recall.
- 16 Q. Okay. Sometime during -- you were working for
- 17 Rite-Aid you believe you saw this document before?
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Can you tell me what this is?
- 20 A. It's the SOP for the DCs.
- Q. When you say "SOP for the DCs," what do you
- 22 mean?
- A. It's the standard operating procedures for the
- 24 Perryman Distribution Center.
- Q. If you could turn your attention to the page

- 1 there. Do you see that?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. It says DC 10 is a Wholesale Distributor for
- 4 Rite Aid corporation and is engaged in the "Wholesale
- <sup>5</sup> Distribution" of Prescription Drugs and Devices which,
- 6 for the purposes of this criteria, means distribution
- 7 of Prescription Drugs and Devices to persons other than
- 8 a consumer or patient and includes the offer to sell;
- 9 deliver; offer to deliver; give away; or transfer,
- 10 whether by passage of title, physical movement, or
- 11 both. Do you see that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you understand that DC -- Rite-Aid's DC 10
- 14 was a wholesale distributor?
- 15 A. To our internal -- they're inner company
- 16 sales, so we only ship to our own stores.
- Q. Okay. But for the purposes of shipping to
- 18 Rite-Aid's own stores, you understood that the Perryman
- 19 facility was a distributor under the Controlled
- 20 Substances Act?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- THE WITNESS: We were a distribution center
- that were supplying product to our internal
- 24 stores.
- 25 BY MR. PIFKO:

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- 1 that's Bates labeled with that name I gave you earlier,
- 2 Rite\_Aid\_OMDL\_0015459. Are you there?
- 3 A. Licensing --
- 4 Q. Yeah.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. So this is an SOP called Licensing
- 7 Requirements. Agree?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Are you familiar with this?
- 10 A. No.
- Q. Okay. It says Effective Date January 5th,
- 12 2009. Do you see that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Is this a format of SOP that you're -- you
- 15 have experience having seen while working at Rite-Aid?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- THE WITNESS: This is one format. We have
- many SOPs.
- 19 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Okay. But this is one of the formats that
- 21 you're familiar with seeing?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Do you see here -- it's got a couple
- 24 numbers here. I want to direct your attention to 4.8
- 25 towards the bottom of the second to last paragraph

Q. The Perryman facility was -- have you heard

- <sup>2</sup> the term "a registrant" under the Controlled Substances
- 3 Act?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Okay. Do you understand that the Perryman
- 6 facility was a registrant under the Controlled
- 7 Substances Act?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. Were there any other -- and as a
- 10 registrant, that means that the Perryman facility was
- 11 licensed to distribute controlled substances; is that
- 12 correct?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 15 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Were there other facilities, distribution
- 17 centers, at Rite-Aid that were registrants who were
- 18 licensed to distribute controlled substances?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Which other distribution centers?
- 21 A. Woodland and Tuscaloosa and Charlotte.
- Q. Any others?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. So do you know the, roughly, the geographic
- <sup>25</sup> regions that these distribution centers serviced?

MS. McENROE: Objection to form.

THE WITNESS: Yes.

<sup>3</sup> BY MR. PIFKO:

Q. Okay. I'm just -- I'm not asking you

5 particular cities --

A. Yeah.

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<sup>7</sup> Q. -- but roughly the states. Do you know --

8 A. For some of the distribution centers.

9 Q. Okay. Well, let's talk about the Perryman

10 facility. Do you know, roughly, which states it

11 serviced?

12 A. I do not.

Q. Okay. How about if you think of portions of

14 the country, can you describe what your understanding

of what general region the Perryman facility serviced?

MS. McENROE: Objection to form.

17 THE WITNESS: The East Coast.

18 BY MR. PIFKO:

19 Q. How about Woodland?

20 A. The West Coast.

Q. How about Tuscaloosa?

22 A. Tuscaloosa and Charlotte both would be

23 Southeast.

Q. How about states like Ohio, Kentucky, and

25 West Virginia, do you know which service --

1 A. I knew it, yes.

Q. Okay. What -- what -- which schedule -- what

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3 type of scheduled products did you understand that the

4 Perryman facility distributed?

5 A. 3 through 5.

Q. And how about the Woodland facility?

7 A. The same.

8 Q. How about the Tuscaloosa facility?

9 A. The same.

10 O. Charlotte?

11 A. The same.

12 Q. Did -- at any time to your knowledge, did any

13 of those facilities distribute Schedule 2 products?

14 A. No

Q. Okay. Do you have an understanding of what an

16 opioid is?

MS. McENROE: Objection to form.

18 THE WITNESS: Yes.

19 BY MR. PIFKO:

Q. Okay. What's your understanding of what an

21 opioid is?

22 A. It's a medication that's prescribed for -- for

23 various reasons.

Q. Can you give me any examples of products that

25 you understand to be opioid products?

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1 distribution center serviced those areas?

2 A. Perryman.

Q. As part of your job duties, did you, at the

4 time, have some more detailed familiarity with the

5 geographic regions serviced by the various distribution

6 centers?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. So then there -- am I correct that there are

9 other distribution centers, in addition to the four

10 that you named?

11 A. Yes, but they didn't all ship pharmacy.

Q. Okay. So it's only -- so while there are

13 other distribution centers for Rite-Aid, only those

14 four locations distributed controlled substances; is

15 that correct?

16 A. Yes.

Q. And when we were looking back and talking

18 about how the Perryman facility was a registrant of the

19 Controlled Substances Act, do you have an understanding

20 of which types of controlled substances were

21 distributed through that facility?

MS. McENROE: Objection to form.

THE WITNESS: Not the details of the NDCs, no.

24 BY MR. PIFKO:

Q. How about by scheduling?

A. Hydrocodone, OxyContin.

2 Q. Any others?

3 A. Those are the two that I can think of.

4 Q. How about Tramadol, have you ever heard of

5 that?

6 A. I've heard of it, yes.

7 Q. Do you know if that's an opioid?

8 A. I'm not sure.

9 Q. Did you have an understanding that, among the

10 Schedule 3 through 5 products that were distributed by

11 these four distributors, that they included -- that

12 included opioid products?

MS. McENROE: Objection to form.

14 THE WITNESS: Yes.

15 BY MR. PIFKO:

Q. Okay. Have you ever heard of something called

17 a hydrocodone combination product?

18 A No.

Q. Have you ever heard the term "suspicious order

20 monitoring"?

21 A. Yes.

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Q. What does that mean to you?

MS. McENROE: Objection to form.

THE WITNESS: It's the due diligence that was

done to ensure the controlled substances stayed

- within the supply chain and there's no diversion.
- <sup>2</sup> BY MR. PIFKO:
- <sup>3</sup> Q. Do you know what diversion is?
- 4 A. Yes.
- Q. What's your understanding of what diversionis?
- A. When a controlled substances leaves its chain
- 8 of custody and gets into the hands of someone that it
- 9 wasn't intended for.
- Q. Do you understand Rite-Aid, as a registrant,
- 11 to have a duty to prevent diversion or to engage in
- 12 efforts designed to prevent diversion?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 15 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Do you have an understanding of what practices
- and procedures Rite-Aid had in place to attempt to
- 18 prevent diversion?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 21 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Do you have an understanding of what
- 23 procedures and practices and policies Rite-Aid had in
- <sup>24</sup> place to identify and report suspicious orders?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
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- 1 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- <sup>2</sup> BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Do you know what a suspicious order is?
- 4 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 6 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Okay. Can you tell me what a suspicious orderis?
- 9 A. It's anything that's, I guess, out of the --
- 10 out of the ordinary, not normal. It could be -- it
- 11 could be various reasons, but, I mean, it's -- there's
- 12 not, like, I mean, a clear definition. It would be --
- 13 it's unique to each store or situation. There's not a
- 14 blanket answer for a suspicious order.
- Q. Okay. Let's talk about Rite-Aid's policies,
- 16 practices, and procedures that were designed to attempt
- 17 to prevent diversion. Okay?
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. What can you tell me, what were the procedures
- 20 that Rite-Aid had in place as a distributor to attempt
- 21 to prevent diversion?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- THE WITNESS: At the DC level or corporate
- 24 level?
- 25 BY MR. PIFKO:

- Q. Well, let's go through both.
- 2 A. Okay.
- <sup>3</sup> Q. So let's start at the distribution center
- 4 level.

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- A. At the distribution center level, there was
- 6 thresholds in place where if a picker received an order
- <sup>7</sup> above that threshold, that they would adjust the order
- 8 down to the threshold limit.
- Also, the pickers in those areas were senior
- 10 associates that worked there for a long time and were
- very familiar with the stores they were picking for.
- 12 So if something seemed suspicious to them or out of the
- ordinary to them, they could contact the store to do
- ordinary to them, they could contact the store to d
- 14 further research.
- We also had a replenishment system at the
- 16 store level where the orders that came to the
- 17 distribution center were already calculated based on
- 18 the store's volume, dispensing volume, which gave them
- 19 a suggested order quantity, which was based on their
- 20 history and then also asset protection. The government
- 21 affairs did various reviews and audits.
- Q. Anything else?
- A. No. I'm not that -- I mean, there may be
- 24 others, but those are the ones I recall.
- Q. Okay. Let's go through some of the details of
- 1 those. You said that there were thresholds, correct?

- 2 A. Correct.
- <sup>3</sup> Q. Okay. What's a threshold?
- 4 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 5 THE WITNESS: It's a limit that we would never
- 6 pull over that amount.
- <sup>7</sup> BY MR. PIFKO:
- 8 Q. When you say "never pull," what do you mean?
- 9 A. Pick, pick an order, to ship to the store.
- 10 Q. So even if an order comes in that exceeds a
- 11 threshold, Rite-Aid would never ship an order beyond
- 12 the threshold; is that correct?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Yes, unless there is an
- exception for that store.
- 16 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. During the time period that you worked for
- 18 Rite-Aid, are you familiar with what the thresholds
- 19 were?
- 20 A. I don't recall at this time. When I was in my
- 21 position I did.
- 22 Q. Do you know if most stores had the same
- 23 threshold?
- A. All -- most stores had the same threshold with
- 25 the exceptions, with the exception stores that were

Page 30 1 reviewed periodically. 1 recall. Q. Have you heard of the term that the thresholds 2 MS. McENROE: Objection to form. were around 5,000? Does that sound familiar? 3 THE WITNESS: They could have picked off MS. McENROE: Objection to form. 4 paper. It could have been pick-to-light. Paper 5 THE WITNESS: Yes. 5 is a paper order with the store number listed and 6 the order that they're selecting. Pick-to-light 6 BY MR. PIFKO: Q. Okay. So most stores had a threshold of was a system where the order is lit up in front, 8 5,000, and then there was a handful of stores that had and it told them the number to select of that some other threshold? item. 10 BY MR. PIFKO: 10 A. Correct. 11 Q. Do you recall, roughly, what percentage of 11 Q. Do you know how or why an order could come in 12 stores had the -- were the exception stores? 12 by paper versus pick-to-light? 13 13 A. It was under 10. A. Its technology in the DC. 14 Q. Okay. Out of what, thousands of stores; is 14 Q. Okay. With respect to the DCs that 15 that correct? distributed controlled substances, do you know, did 16 A. Correct. they have pick-to-light systems? 17 17 Q. Okay. Do you remember any of those stores? MS. McENROE: Objection to form. 18 18 THE WITNESS: Some DCs did; some -- I -- some A. I do not. 19 Q. Do you know how the threshold was calculated 19 did not. It depended on the items they were 20 pulling. If it was a fast-moving item and it was 20 originally? 21 21 efficient at pick-to-light, it would. A. I do not. 22 22 BY MR. PIFKO: Q. So that was already in place when you took 23 23 your job? Q. Okay. How about with respect to Schedule 3 24 A. Correct. 24 controlled substances, do you know if all those items 25 Q. Did you ever speak to anyone about how the were through the pick-to-light system? Page 31 Page 33 1 thresholds were calculated? A. I don't recall. 2 Q. Okay. So in a situation where there's a paper A. No. order, where does -- how does an order selector receive Q. Are you familiar with any training that -the piece of paper, do you know? 4 what -- sorry, let's back up. You used the term "picker"; is that correct? MS. McENROE: Objection to form. 6 A. Yes. 6 THE WITNESS: They -- there was a stack of Q. What's a picker? orders, and they would pull their order that was A. An order selector, the associate in the DC 8 next in line, and they would select for that <sup>9</sup> that selects the order for the store. store. 10 Q. Are you familiar with the process by which an 10 BY MR. PIFKO: 11 order selector selects items in an order for the store? 11 Q. So it's like a -- I'm trying to visualize the 12 A. There's multiple processes, but I'm familiar 12 situation. 13 13 with some of them, yes. A. Yeah. Q. Okay. Is order selector the official title of Q. It's like a store. They get a -- they get, 15 the people who do that job? 15 like, a shopping list, the order, and then they have to 16 walk through aisles and put items into some sort of A. I'm -- I -- I don't know the official title. <sup>17</sup> I don't recall the official title. container. Is that how it works? 18 18 Q. But you recall "order selector" being a term MS. McENROE: Objection to form. 19 19 that's --THE WITNESS: Into a tote, yes. They would 20 20 A. Yes. have a piece of paper, the store, what they're

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Q. So what's your understanding of how an order

<sup>24</sup> selector fulfills an order? You said there's multiple

<sup>25</sup> ways. Just -- let's go through the first way that you

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O. -- used?

A. Yes.

selecting, and yes, they would pull it off the

Q. What is -- a tote, is it like a bag, or is it

bins and put it into a red tote.

BY MR. PIFKO:

25 like a plastic container?

- A. It's a plastic container.
- Q. Okay. Like -- I travel a lot. Like those
- 3 containers at the airport you put your suitcase in or
- 4 bigger?
- 5 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 6 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. When you go through security, if you know what
- 8 I'm talking about.
- A. I -- it's a red tote. I mean, it's a tote
- 10 just like you see at any distribution center is using
- 11 they ship it in. It's common in distribution.
- Q. Okay. So they have the order. It tells you
- 13 the name of the item and the quantity -- the quantity
- 14 of the item and then they walk through the warehouse
- and put those quantities into the tote and set it aside
- 16 to be shipped; is that correct?
- 17 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 18 THE WITNESS: That's their step in it, yes.
- 19 BY MR. PIFKO:
- 20 Q. Okay. When a paper order comes in and it
- exceeds the threshold, how does the order selector know
- that the order is exceeding the threshold?
- 23 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 24 THE WITNESS: There's -- they went through
- 25 training, and there was sheets hanging up through

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- the pick area of the threshold amounts, and there 2 was an amount of -- there was actually on the pick
- 3 area what the threshold was. So there would be a
- sticker next to it.
- 5 BY MR. PIFKO:

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- Q. Okay. So let's say, for example, there's a
- 7 hydrocodone combination product that's in an order, and
- 8 the piece of paper printed out says a thousand units of
- 9 this item, and you -- the order selector goes to the
- 10 area where that product is. There's a label on there
- 11 that says you can't fill an order higher than this many
- 12 units; is that correct?
- 13 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 15 BY MR. PIFKO:
- 16 Q. Okay. What about when there's a pick-to-light
- 17 system, let's talk about how that works.
- 18 A. The same thing.
- 19 Q. Okay. So when -- how does an order come in
- 20 through the pick-to-light system?
- A. They scan a label, which was the order label,
- 22 and it would light up the pick-to-light system.
- Q. Okay. And so the pick-to-light system has 23
- 24 lights on an item on the shelf. So when they're
- 25 walking down, they see which shelf -- which shelves

- 1 they're supposed to go to?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And then when they get to the specific item,
- 4 there's an LED display that has the number of units
- 5 they're supposed to pick?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. Does -- if they're picking an item that has a
- threshold associated with it, how do they know what the
- threshold is in the pick-to-light system?
  - MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 11 THE WITNESS: The same way I described
  - earlier, it was marked on the pick site.
- 13 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Okay. Does the LED display automatically
- 15 reduce itself to the threshold if the order comes in
- exceeding the threshold?
- 17 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
  - THE WITNESS: No. The picker would reduce
- 19 the -- adjust the order down.
- 20 BY MR. PIFKO:
  - Q. Okay. So they walk up, and let's say that the
- 22 threshold is a thousand -- is a thousand but the order
- is for 2,000. They go up. The screen will read 2,000,
- 24 but there's a sign that says only put a thousand in
- 25 there, and then they press a button to make it go down

- 1 to a thousand; is that correct?
- A. Yes.
- Q. So you said there was training that was
- provided for the order selector; is that correct?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you ever attend any of the training
- sessions?
- A. No.
- Q. Do you know if there was written materials
- that were provided to the order selectors in connection
- with the training? 11
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Have you ever seen the training materials that
- 14 were provided to them?
- A. Yes. I mean, not since I've been employed or
- worked in Rite-Aid, but yes. There was -- there was
- 17 documents that existed.
- Q. Was it a single manual for being an order
- selector, or do you know if it was various different
- 20 documents?
- 21 A. It was various documents.
- 22 Q. Did you ever draft any portions of those
- 23 documents?
- 24 A. Not of the training documents, no.
- 25 Q. Okay. But you're familiar with them?

- A. I remember seeing them, yes.
- 2 Q. And do you believe that they had portions of
- 3 them that explained how the thresholds functioned?
- 4 A. Yes.
- Q. And in the training manual, it told them if an
- 6 item exceeded the threshold, that they should only put
- 7 the amount up to the threshold in the tote; is that
- 8 correct?
- 9 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- THE WITNESS: I don't recall the exact
- language that was in the SOPs.
- 12 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. But that's your understanding of what the
- 14 process was; is that correct?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Yes. I know they went through
- training on how the thresholds worked when pulling
- controlled -- C2 -- C3s. Excuse me.
- 19 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. And just to be clear, I know what you mean;
- 21 but for the record, when you say "C2," that's a
- 22 Schedule 2 controlled substance or "C3," that's a C3
- 23 controlled substance; is that correct?
- 24 A. Correct.
- Q. Do you know, if an order exceeded a threshold,

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- ask about the order that exceeded the threshold?
   MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 3 THE WITNESS: They were doing their due
- 4 diligence and research to find out why the order
- 5 exceeded the threshold.
- 6 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. And then they would write that down in the
- 8 document?

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- A. In the log.
- Q. Okay. What's the log called?
- 11 A. I don't recall the name of the log.
  - Q. Have you ever heard of a thing called --
- 13 something called a threshold log?
- 14 A. Yes. I mean --
- 15 O. Is that --
- A. I don't know if that was the exact name of the
- 17 log, but yes, there was a threshold log.
- Q. Can you think of any other documentation that
- you recall seeing in connection with thresholds?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- THE WITNESS: No.
- 22 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. So the -- these calls that were made, they
- <sup>24</sup> were kept in some sort of log. It may be the threshold
- 25 log, but it may be a different name of a document; is

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- 1 if there was any -- okay. So an order selector only
- <sup>2</sup> fills the order up to the threshold, correct?
- 3 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- 5 BY MR. PIFKO:
- 6 Q. Is there any other process that comes into
- 7 play when an order comes in that exceeds a threshold?
- A. The order selector kept a log. They would
- 9 call the store and confirm with the store, and they
- 10 would do research, and there was a log of every one of
- 11 those incidents.
- Q. So every time an order exceeded a threshold,
- 13 the policy was that the order selector needed to call
- 14 the store?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. And they were -- they were obligated to write
- 17 down that they called the store?
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know, was there a policy on what types
- 20 of information they were supposed to obtain when they
- 21 called the store when an order exceeded a threshold?
- A. I don't recall, but they would do research
- 23 with the store and log actually who they talked to at
- 24 the store and any conversation they had.
- Q. But you don't know what they were supposed to

- 1 that correct?
- 2 A. It was kept in a log. I don't remember the
- 3 exact name of the log.
- Q. Was that a computerized log?
- A. It was a handwritten log.
- 6 Q. Okay. And was that log sent to somebody?
- A. It was kept on file at the DC; and, if there
- 8 was a DC audit from the DEA or any regulator, they
- 9 would have a file showing their -- their process for
- 10 the thresholds.
- Q. Was that log kept in some centralized file
- 12 area in the distribution center?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Do you know the process by which the --
- 15 you said the logs -- so an order selector is supposed
- 16 to make a phone call, talk with the store and take
- 17 notes, and then they write it down in a log, correct?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- 20 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. And then what's the -- how does that -- do you
- 22 know how that paper then gets sent to the central
- <sup>23</sup> filing area in the distribution center?
- 24 A. I do not.
- Q. Okay. Do you believe it would have been sent

- 1 somewhere daily or weekly or monthly? Do you have any
- 2 idea of the periods?
- 3 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 4 THE WITNESS: There was a handwritten log that
- 5 also -- I mean, there's multiple logs because
- 6 there was logs that would generate for -- for
- 7 ARCOS reasons and things like that.
- 8 So you may have had duplicate information that
- 9 could have been on the threshold log that appeared
- 10 on other logs, but the intent for that log was
- 11 kept in a file at the DC.
- 12 BY MR. PIFKO:
- 13 Q. Do you know if there were occasions when --
- did an order selector have the ability to decide not to
- 15 ship an order after they made a call to the store?
- 16 A. I don't recall an incident.
- 17 Q. You don't recall if that was the process?
- 18 A. If that was in the process, that it was deemed
- 19 suspicious, they would not ship.
- 20 Q. Okay. So the order selector, under the
- 21 company's policies, had the discretion to decide, based
- 22 on the conversation, not to ship an order?
- 23 A. They would confirm with, after talking to the
- store, they would also confirm with corporate, which
- 25 would be government affairs.

- 1 down. We talked about that, correct?
- A. Then they kept a log.
- Q. Okay. And then on some occasions but not all

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- occasions they could then call someone in government
- affairs?
- 6 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- THE WITNESS: If they thought the order was
- 8 suspicious.
- BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Okay. So if, based on their conversation with
- the store, they felt that an order was suspicious, it
- was the company's policy that they then needed to call
- someone in government affairs?
- 14 A. If an order would have been found suspicious,
- then yes, they would have contacted corporate.
- 16 Q. Based on the order selector's decision; is
- 17 that correct?

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- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 19 THE WITNESS: If the order -- after the order
- 20 selector did the research with the store, if it
- 21 was -- if it needed to get escalated to the next
- 22 level by being suspicious, if it was suspicious,
- 23 then they would contact government affairs.
- BY MR. PIFKO:
- 25 Q. What I'm trying to ask is if it was the order

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- Q. Do you have an understanding about the process
- 2 by which an order selector would communicate with
- 3 someone at government affairs?
- A. I -- I don't recall the exact process.
- Q. Okay. So were they supposed to call someone
- 6 at government affairs after an order exceeded
- 7 thresholds?
- 8 A. No. They -- because not all orders that
- <sup>9</sup> exceeded threshold were suspicious orders. These
- orders were already being calculated based on the store
- 11 history when sent to the DC.
- 12 So the order -- the orders coming to the DCs
- 13 were already adjusted on the store's volume, and then
- 14 if an order exceeded threshold, it did not make the
- 15 order automatically suspicious. So that's why the
- 16 picker was calling the store to investigate. So this
- 17 was kind of our second layer of reviewing an order.
- Q. Okay. But -- so it's your understanding that
- 19 on every single occasion that an order exceeded
- 20 threshold, the order selector was supposed to make a
- 21 call to the store?
- A. When an order exceeded a threshold, they would 22
- 23 do the research to find out why the order was exceeding
- 24 the threshold.
- 25 Q. And then they were supposed to write that

- selector's decision as to whether -- so you think
- 2 there's a fork in the road, an order exceeds a
- 3 threshold. They make a call to the store. They can
- 4 either do nothing or they can call government affairs,
- 5 correct?

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- 6 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Most of the calls to the stores
- 8 could be if an order was fat-fingered at the
- 9 store, they typed an error. So those type of
- 10
  - conversations would not be suspicious orders; and again, these were our internal stores.
- 12 We knew these stores very well. We'd pull 13 these store orders weekly for most stores. So we
- 14 had the relationship with the stores. These
- 15 weren't -- we weren't shipping to stores outside
- 16 our network. I mean, we were well aware of these
- 17 stores. 18 So at that level, a decision could be made if
- 19 it was just a store error; and also again, these
- 20 orders were already being calculated when they 21 were sent to the DC. This was just a second layer
  - that we were using to bring the threshold down.
- 23 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Okay. Fair enough. I'm just trying to -- I'm
- 25 just trying to understand. If you think of, like, a

Page 46 decision tree: So order exceeds the threshold. Then

- 2 the next thing that the order selector must do was call
- 3 the store, correct?
- 4 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 5 THE WITNESS: I mean, I can't speak to that.
- 6 That -- if an -- yes.
- <sup>7</sup> BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Okay. So it's the company's policy that if an
- 9 order exceeded threshold, they must call -- the order
- o selector must call the store; is that correct?
- MS. McENROE: Object to form.
- THE WITNESS: I can't recall exactly what was
- written in the procedure.
- 14 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Okay. So there may be occasions when an order
- 16 could exceed the threshold and they didn't call the
- 17 store?
- MS. McENROE: Object to the form.
- THE WITNESS: No. I mean, it was in the
- 20 procedure.
- 21 BY MR. PIFKO:
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. I --
- Q. That's what they're supposed to do; is that
- 25 correct?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And then after they call the store,
- 3 they have two choices: They can call someone in
- 4 government affairs and say that they think the order is
- 5 suspicious, or they can do nothing and proceed to fill
- 6 and ship the order so long as it's under the threshold;
- 7 is that correct?
- 8 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Again, if an order is above the
- threshold, it did not make the order suspicious.
- 11 They -- they were trying to find out, confirm with
- the store if that quantity was what they really
- 13 needed.
- 14 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Right. And I'm just -- I'm just -- all I'm
- 16 trying to get you to tell me is what the process is.
- 17 Okay? So I understand we have an order that exceeded
- 18 the threshold. Then the order selector's job is to --
- 19 they're supposed to call the store in that situation,
- 20 correct?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- THE WITNESS: I'm trying to explain
- conceptually what we did, but this is six, seven
- years ago, so the exact steps are -- I mean, I
- don't recall the exact steps. So conceptually is

- what I'm explaining the process to you.
- 2 BY MR. PIFKO:
- 3 Q. Right. And I'm just trying to understand. So
- 4 then they call the store, and they have -- they can
- 5 then just decide that they're going to ship the
- 6 order --
- 7 A. No, we never --
- 8 Q. -- up to the threshold, or they can call
- 9 government affairs and say I think this is
- 10 suspicious --
- 11 MS. McENROE: Objection.
- 12 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. -- after they talk to the store; is that
- 14 correct?

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- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 16 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Is there any other option they could do?
  - MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- THE WITNESS: All the orders were brought down
- to the threshold.
- 21 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Right. That's what I mean. They could ship
- 23 it up to what the threshold is?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 25 THE WITNESS: Correct. I mean, if the order
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- was above the threshold, they brought it down to
- the threshold, and we'd create a log, and they'd
- 3 call the stores to confirm the order quantity.
- 4 If, at that point, an order was suspicious for
  - some reason, which, in my time in this position,
- 6 we never had a suspicious order, then it would be
- routed to the proper channels.
- 8 BY MR. PIFKO:
- 9 Q. Okay. And if it wasn't deemed to be
- suspicious after that call, they would ship it in the
- quantity that was -- did not exceed the threshold; is
- 12 that correct?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 14 THE WITNESS: They would ship it in the
- quantity that was already calculated by a
  - replenishment system saying that's what the store
- 17 needed.

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- 18 BY MR. PIFKO:
- 19 Q. Okay. So long as that didn't exceed the
- <sup>20</sup> threshold?
- 21 A. Correct.
- Q. Could they, based on that conversation,
- 23 override the threshold and decide, I talked to the
  - <sup>4</sup> store, I need to fill this order beyond the threshold?
- 25 A. No.

- Q. You've talked a little bit about -- okay. I
- <sup>2</sup> want to back up. Do you know if the order selectors
- 3 were given training on how to make a decision about
- 4 whether an order was suspicious?
- 5 A. Yes. There was a DC procedure.
- 6 Q. How -- what was the DC procedure on that?
- 7 A. I don't recall.
- 8 Q. Was there -- was it in writing somewhere?
- 9 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. So there was some sort of training and
- 11 written procedure that instructed order selectors on
- 12 how, when making a call to a pharmacist, to decide if
- 13 an order was suspicious?
- 14 A. They had a procedure for suspicious order
- 15 monitoring, yes.
- Q. Your answer was a little -- a little different
- 17 than my question and it's --
- A. I don't recall the details of the -- in the
- <sup>19</sup> procedure of suspicious monitoring, but there was a
- 20 procedure for the associate on identifying suspicious
- 21 orders.
- Q. Okay. So there's some written procedure that
- 23 told an order selector how -- what factors they should
- <sup>24</sup> consider in deciding whether an order is suspicious?
- A. Again, I don't recall what -- the exact
- Page 51  $^{1}$  details of that procedure, but yes, there was a
- 2 procedure for the associate on suspicious order
- 3 monitoring.
- 4 Q. And to your knowledge, the entire time that
- 5 you worked at Rite-Aid, there was no order that had
- 6 been found to be suspicious?
- A. While I was in my position, there was no
- 8 suspicious orders reported.
- 9 Q. Okay. Let's talk about you. You talked
- 10 about -- I don't remember exactly the language that you
- 11 used, but we were talking about the process by which an
- 12 order is -- is made. Do you have an understanding
- 13 about how an order comes through the -- starting at the
- 14 store?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- THE WITNESS: I don't know -- I do not know
- 17 how the store -- I'm familiar with the concept of
- $^{\mbox{\scriptsize 18}}$  a replenishment system, but I do not know the
- details of how a store order was placed.
- 20 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Okay. Do you have an understanding that it
- 22 was automated?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Do you agree that the replenishment
- 25 system looked at the demand of items that were being

- 1 sold and made a comparison to inventory on hand and
- 2 then projecting based on what was being sold, put in an
- 3 order for the amount it believed was necessary to
- 4 continue supply; is that correct?
- 5 MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Yes. I mean, there was a
- 7 calculation that was looking at on-hand and
- 8 dispensing that would generate a suggested order
- 9 quantity.
- 10 BY MR. PIFKO:
- 11 Q. And so on occasions, that suggested order
- 12 quantity could exceed the threshold; is that correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know any other factors that the
- 15 ordering system used to -- other than measuring the
- 16 demand for items and the amount going out the door
- 17 versus inventory as far as how it selected an order
- 18 quantity?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- THE WITNESS: No.
- 21 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Do you know if the order system took into
- 23 account any other factors that occurred at a pharmacy,
- 24 such as whether there was theft?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.

- THE WITNESS: I'm not -- I'm not familiar with
- 2 all the details of how the replenishment, like --
- 3 BY MR. PIFKO:
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 MS. McENROE: Mark, we've been going just
- 6 about an hour, if there's a time soon that's good
- 7 for a break.
- 8 MR. PIFKO: Yeah, we can take a break in just
- 9 a minute.
- 10 BY MR. PIFKO:
- 11 Q. Do you know if there was documentation on how
- 12 the order, the replenishment system, worked?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. We can take a break. We started at
- 15 what -- do you know if there was a name for the
- 16 documentation on how the order replenishment system
- 17 functioned?
- A. I have no idea what the name would be.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record, 10:29 a.m.
- 21 (Brief recess was taken.)
- THE VIDEOGRAPHER: On the record, 10:51 a.m.
- 23 (Rite-Aid Belli Exhibit No. 2 was marked for
- 24 identification.)
- 25 BY MR. PIFKO:

- 1 Q. I'm handing you what's marked as Exhibit 2.
- 2 A. Okay.
- Q. For the record, Exhibit 2 is a printout of
- 4 your LinkedIn profile, and I really just had a quick
- <sup>5</sup> question.
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. Take your time to look at it and make yourself
- 8 comfortable that it's accurate. What I want to know
- 9 is, earlier we kind of talked about your work history
- 10 and your education.
- What I want to know is, is this Exhibit 2
- 12 correct? Is it more correct than your memory? Can we
- 13 rely on this as documentation of what you did, the time
- 14 periods, et cetera?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- THE WITNESS: No, because this says it was
- 17 Rite-Aid's employment the whole time. Whereas,
- actually, I started with Eckerd and then Brooks
- Eckerd and then Rite-Aid. So it was through
- multiple buyouts, but the reason just Rite-Aid is
- listed is because it's easier to show when looking
- 22 for employment --
- 23 BY MR. PIFKO:
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. -- but no, this is --

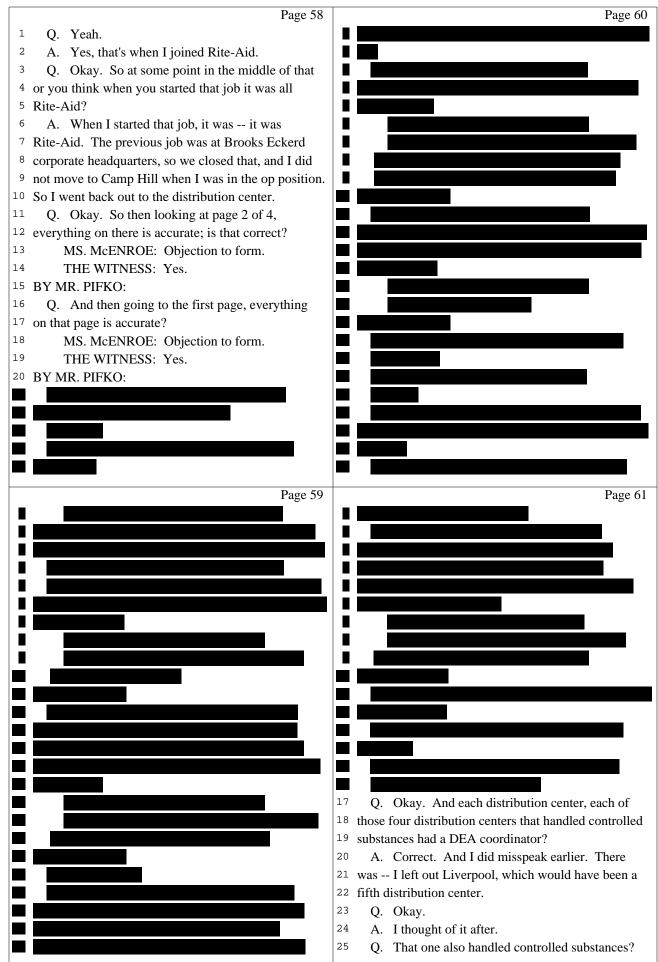
- 1 Tree job, is that accurate?
  - 2 A. Yes. That was my first job --
  - 3 Q. Okay.
  - 4 A. -- when I graduated.
  - 5 Q. And then so when you started, you actually
  - 6 worked -- so it says here that you started in 2004, but

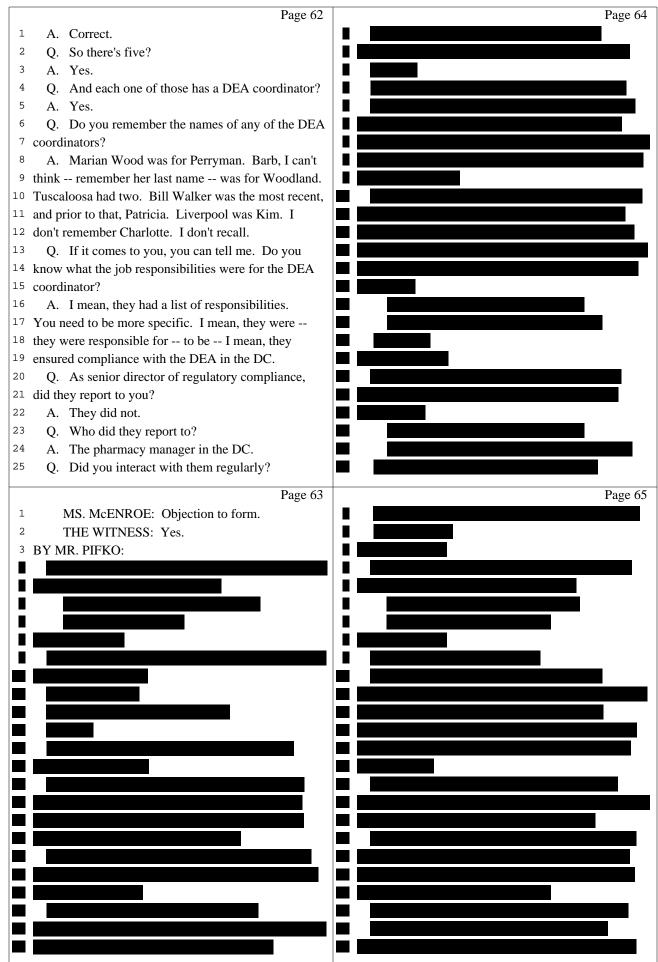
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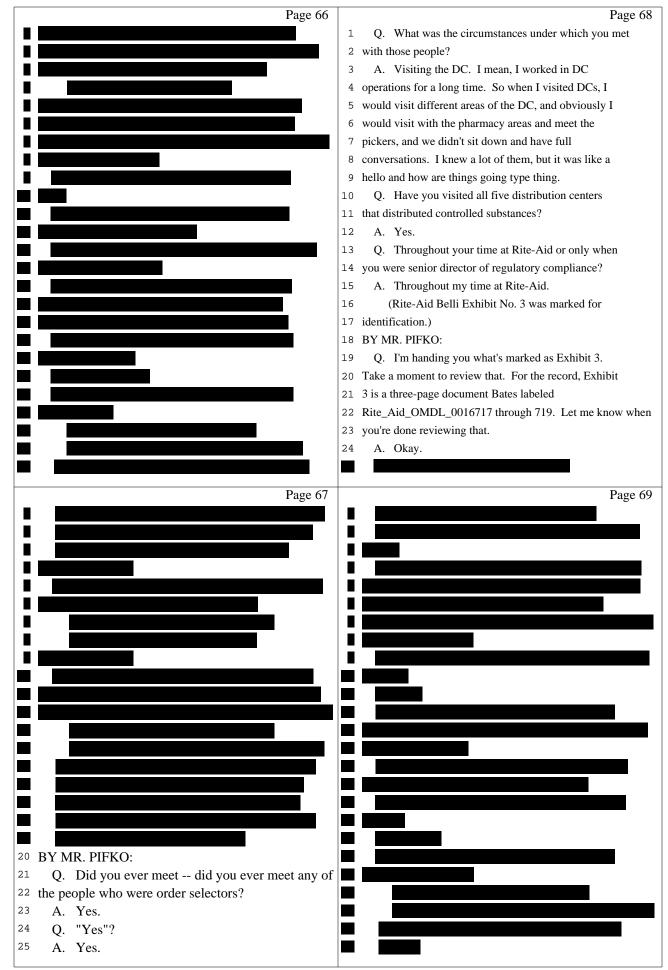
- 7 you believe it was some iteration of Eckerd?
- 8 A. It was Eckerd.
- Q. Okay. So that was for Eckerd. The entire
- 10 time that was Eckerd?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. Well, at some point -- I don't remember when
- 14 Brooks bought Eckerd, but yeah, it was somewhere during
- 15 that position.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. I don't recall the year.
- 18 Q. Roughly 2004. Does that sound right?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- THE WITNESS: I don't recall.
- 21 BY MR. PIFKO:
- 22 Q. Okay.
- A. I -- I remember being in that position when it
- 24 happened, but --
- Q. Okay. So at some point in that first job,

- 1 Q. We'll fix that, but then --
- 2 A. Okay.
- Q. -- any other issues that you want to -- let's
- 4 go back to, you know, there's -- it says, on the bottom
- 5 right-hand corner, it has the page out of 4.
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. So let's go -- the last page is basically
- 8 blank. The page 3 of 4 is the earlier thing, your
- <sup>9</sup> education there; is that correct?
- MS. McENROE: You're talking about the
- University of Tennessee Knoxville?
- THE WITNESS: Tennessee. Yes.
- 13 BY MR. PIFKO:
- 14 Q. Okay. That reflects your degree and the time
- period that you attended that university?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Then you've got an internship here; is
- 18 that correct?
- 19 A. I did -- that internship was during -- I took
- 20 a semester off. So that's why I stated three and a
- 21 half years.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- A. So I took a semester off to do that
- <sup>24</sup> internship, and then I came back and graduated.
- Q. Okay. The next job that you had, the Dollar

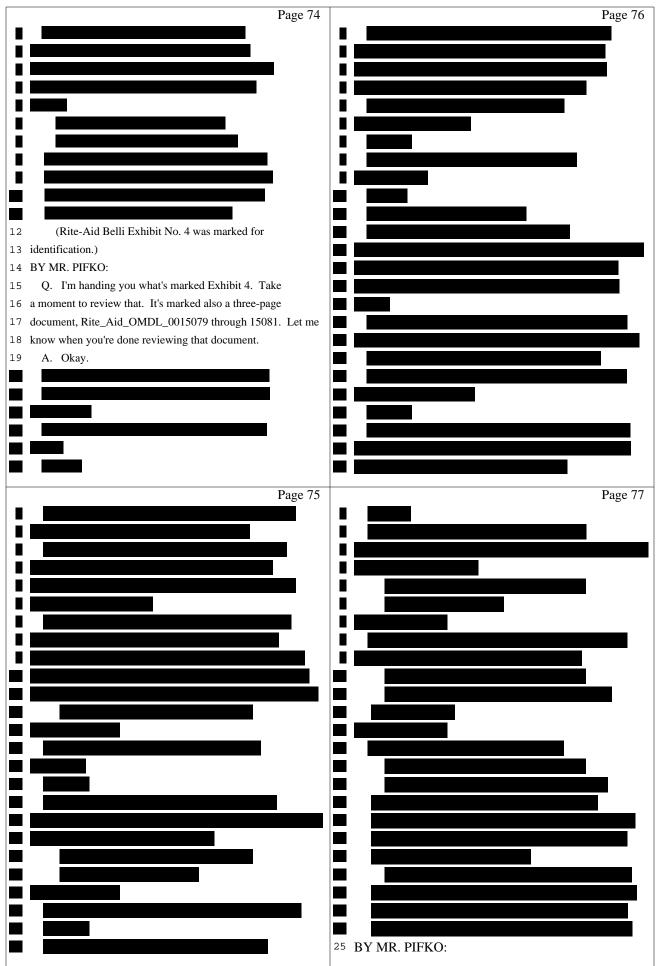
- $\begin{array}{c} \text{Page 57} \\ \text{1 } \text{Brooks and Eckerd had some sort of corporate} \end{array}$
- <sup>2</sup> transaction, and it was Brooks Eckerd after that?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. And then so the next job up, that was for
- 5 Brooks Eckerd?
- 6 A. Correct.
- MS. McENROE: And for clarity of the record,
- 8 that's the operation manager position?
- 9 MR. PIFKO: Yes.
- 10 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. And then any other changes to the -- other
- 12 than that, is it accurate, what's on there?
- MS. McENROE: Objection to form.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 15 BY MR. PIFKO:
- Q. Okay. Then the senior manager job, was that
- 17 for Rite-Aid or still for Brooks Eckerd?
- 18 A. For Brooks Eckerd.
- Q. Any other changes to that?
- 20 A. No
- Q. Okay. Then going up to the operations manager
- 22 job at the bottom of 2 of 4.
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Is that accurate?
- A. The operations manager, 2007 to 2009?

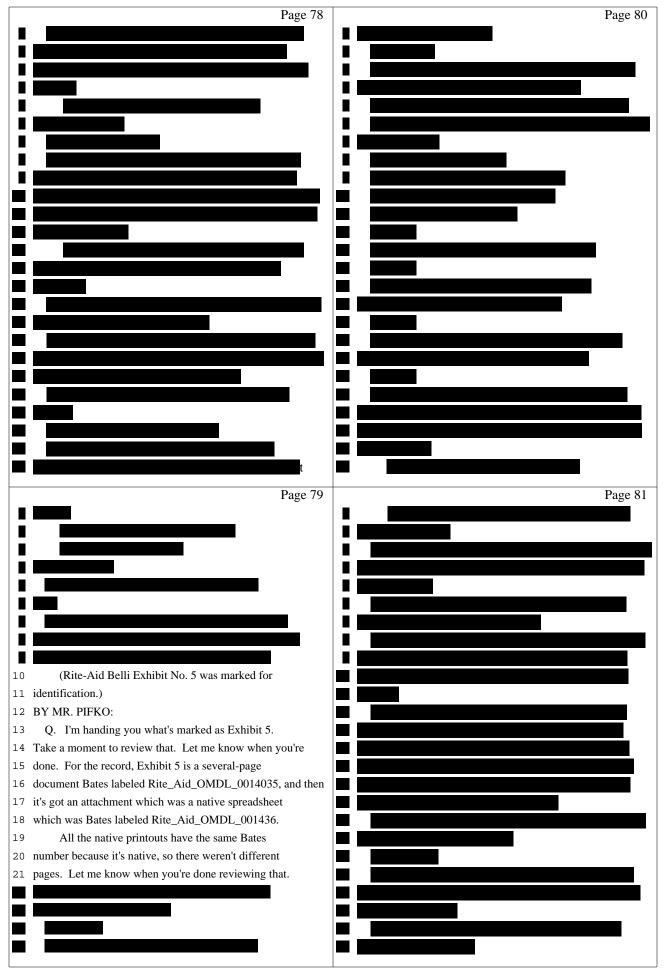








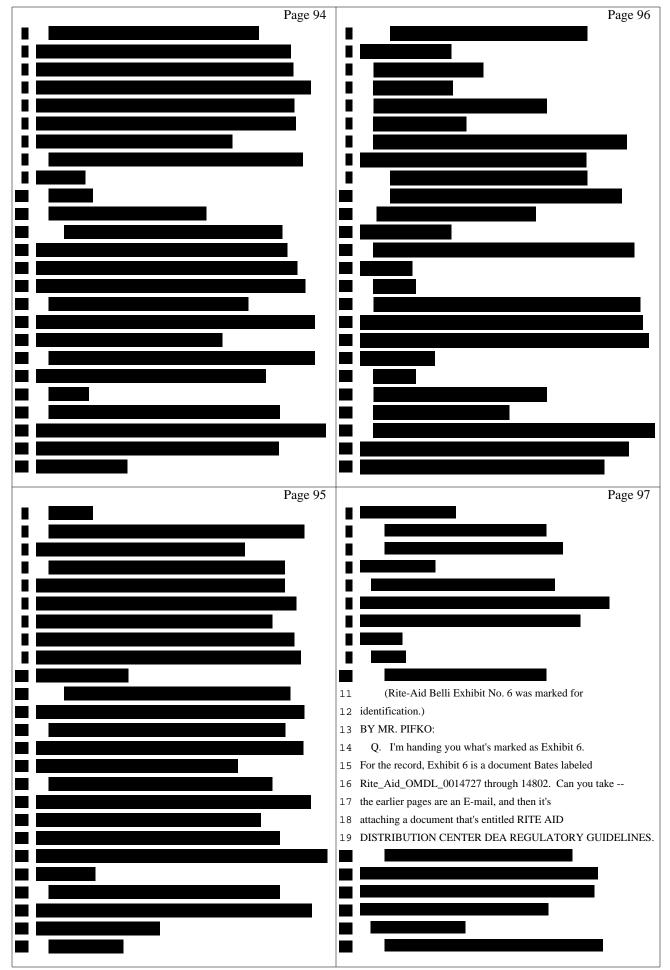










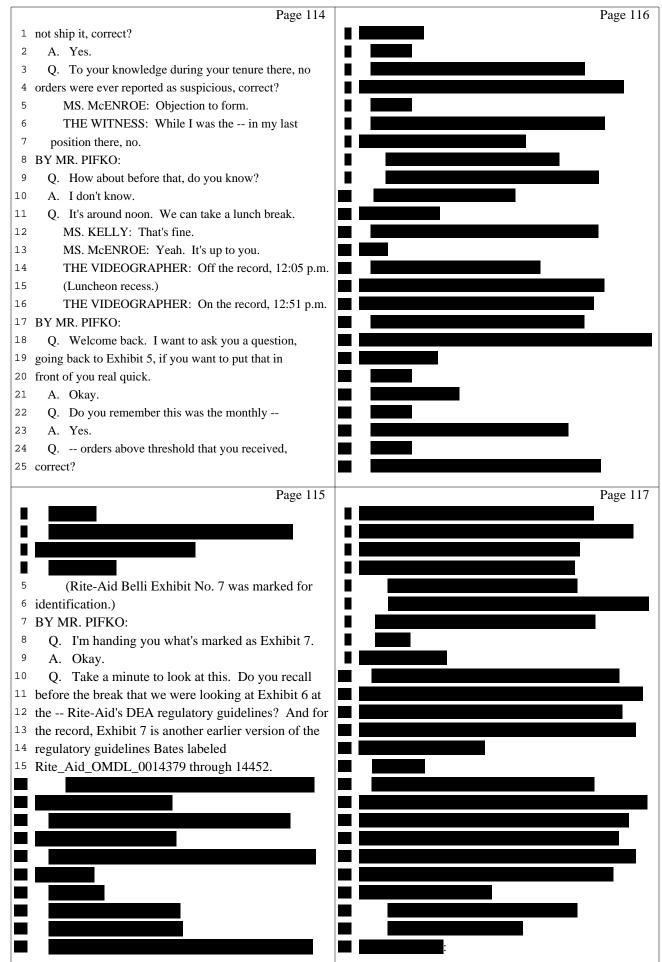












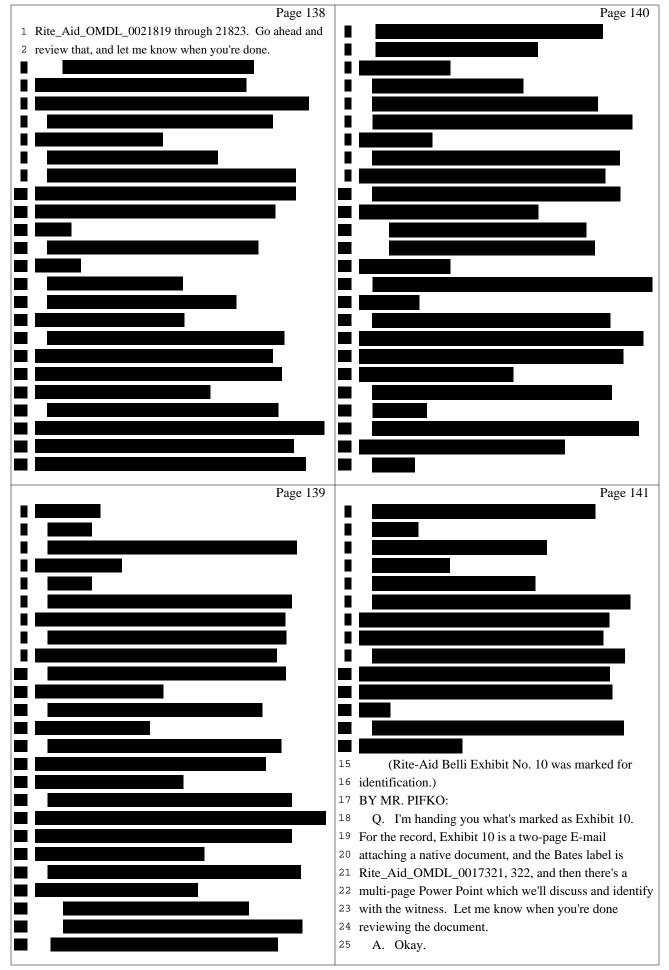




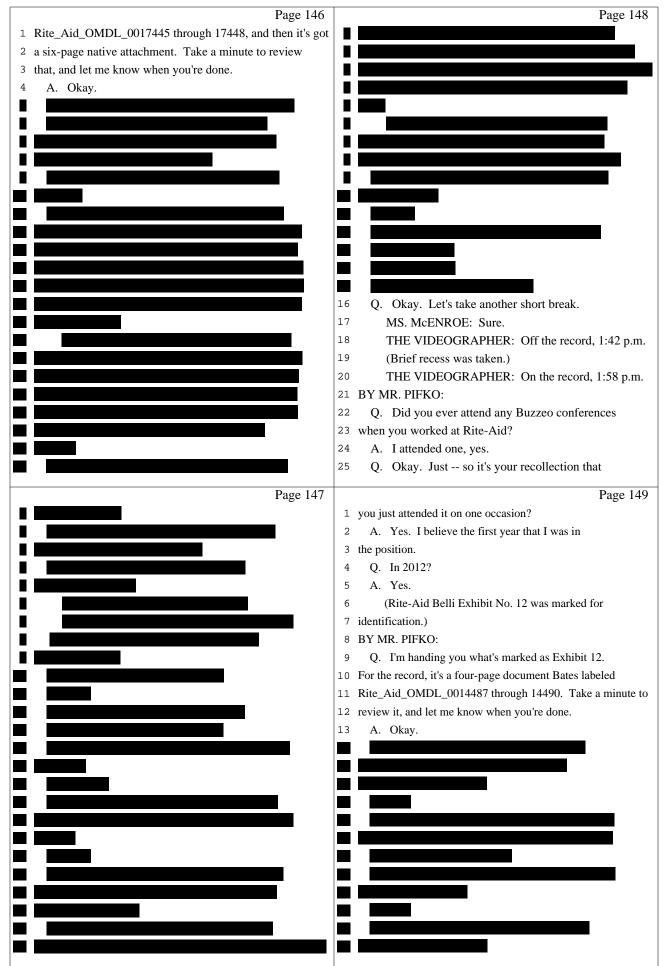




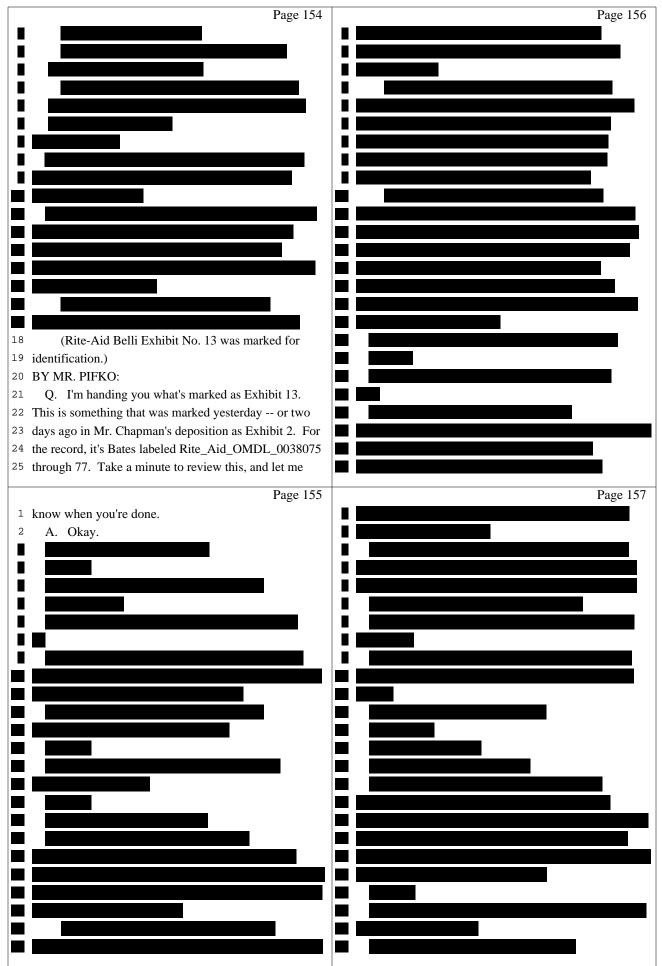


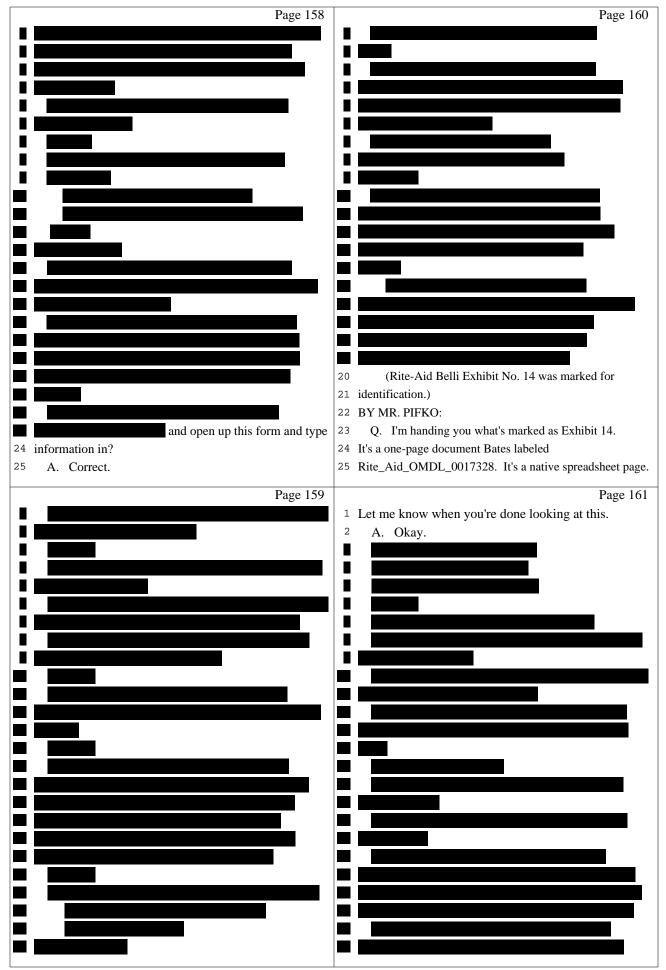


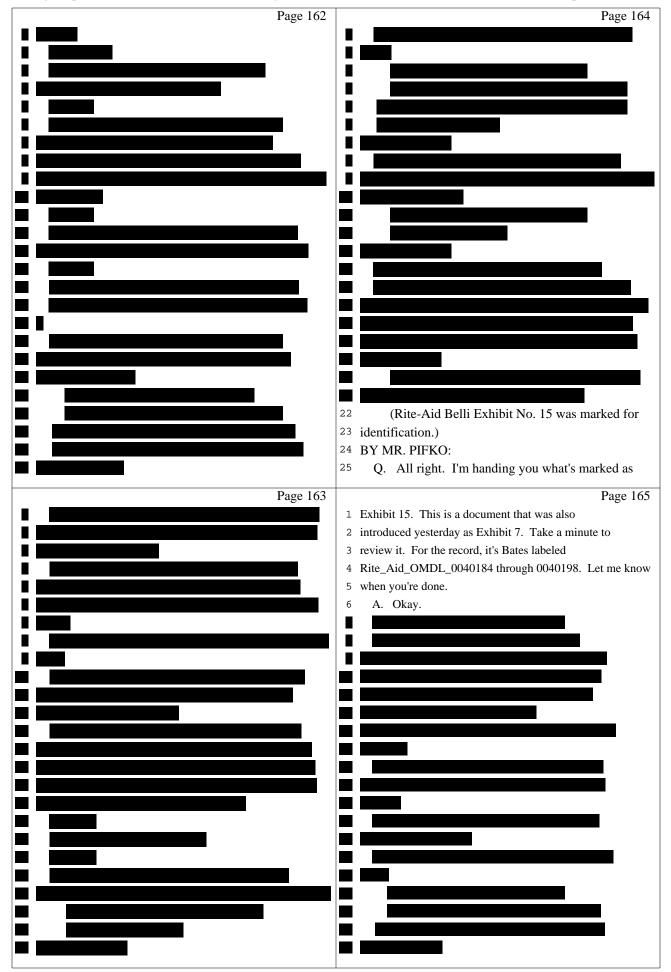










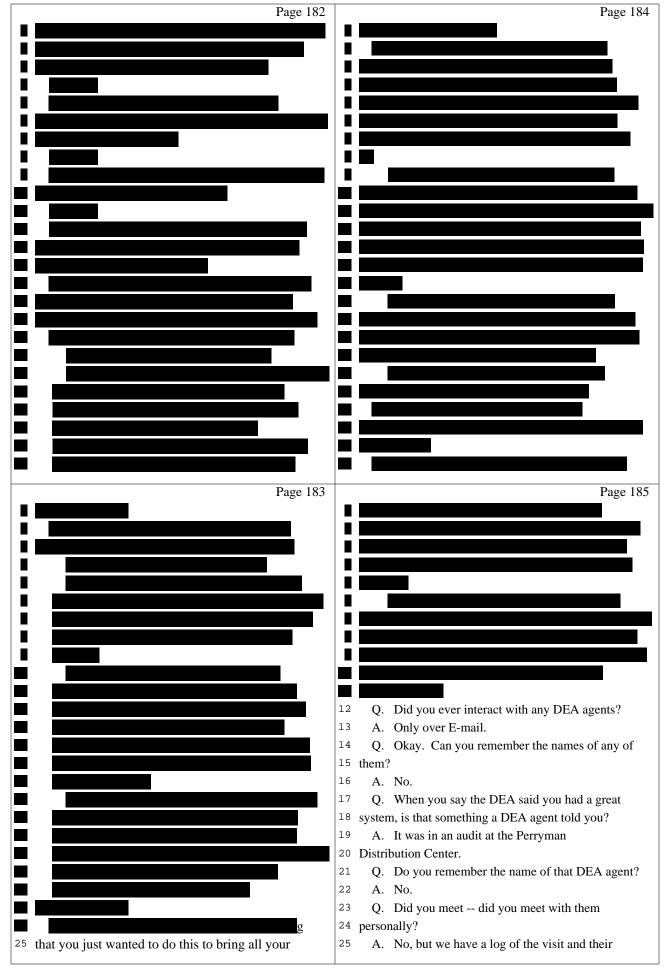










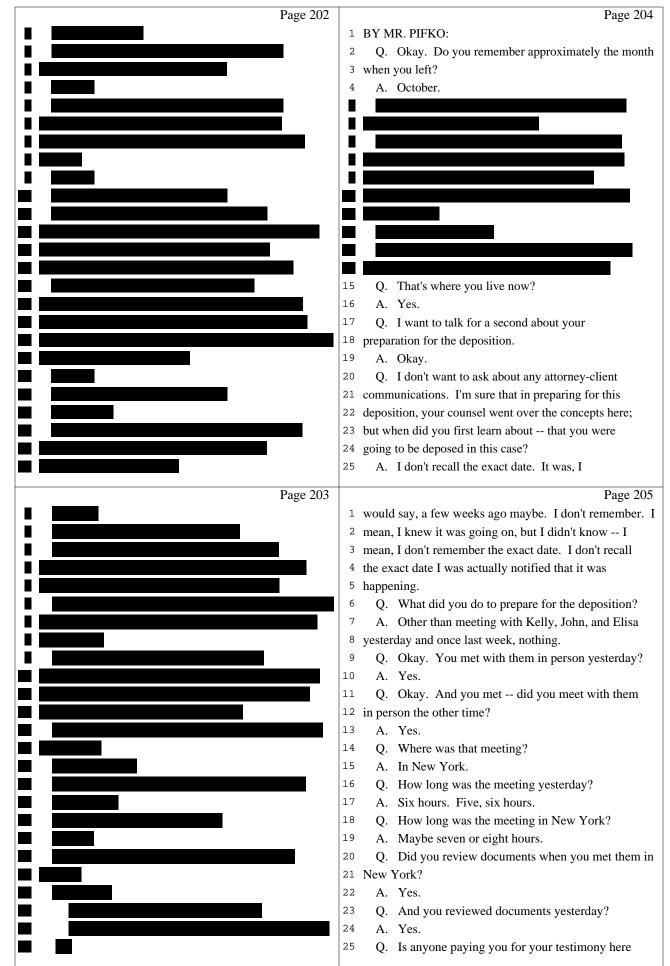












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2	A. No.	2	
3	Q. Did you talk about that you were going to	3	
4	testify with anyone from Rite-Aid other than the	4	STATE OF FLORIDA
5	lawyers?	5	COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH
6	A. Current employees of Rite-Aid? No.	6	
7	Q. How about former employees?	7	
8	A. Just Rick Chapman.	8	I, Lisa A. Simons-Clark, RMR, CRR, Notary
9	Q. You told him that you were going to testify?	9	Public, State of Florida, certify that CHRISTOPHER
10	A. Only because I knew he was going to be in	١	BELLI personally appeared before me on the 20th day of
	Tampa at the same time, and I haven't seen him in a	10	
11	long time or he lives in Tampa, I should say. So I	12	December, 2016, and was dury sworn.
12		13	WITNESS may hand and afficial and this day of
13	was really just for logistics to meet, and that was		WITNESS my hand and official seal this day of
14			December, 2018.
15	Q. When did you talk to him?	15	
16	A. When I was a few weeks ago.	16	T' A G' CL L DIMD CDD
17	Q. Did you talk about your your work at	17	Lisa A. Simons-Clark, RMR, CRR
	Rite-Aid with him?	18	Notary Public - State of Florida
19	A. No.	19	My Commission Expires: 7/1/20
20	Q. Did you meet with him here and talk about your	20	Commission No. GG 001980
	work with Rite-Aid?	21	
22	A. No.	22	
23	Q. All right. Subject to any direct questions,	23	
24	Rite-Aid's counsel might have a few. I don't have any	24	
25	further questions at this time.	25	
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